

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held on November 17, 2020

An Open Meeting of the Public Utilities Commission (PUC or Commission) was held on November 17, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. in Hearing Room A, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island to discuss, deliberate, and/or vote on the following dockets

In attendance: Chairman Ronald Gerwatowski, Todd Bianco and Luly Massaro. Remotely: Commissioner Marion Gold, Commissioner Abigail Anthony, Cynthia Wilson-Frias, Patricia Lucarelli, Alan Nault and Rudolph Falcone.

- I. Chairman Gerwatowski called the Open Meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. A quorum was present.
- II. **Docket No. 5079 - The Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a National Grid (Company)** – The Company submitted a tariff advice filing to amend National Grid’s Distribution Adjustment Clause tariff R.I.P.U.C. NG-GAS No. 101, Schedule A, for effect December 15, 2020. National Grid proposes to amend Section 3.2, Advanced Gas Technology (AGT) Factor, of the gas tariff to allow the Company to recover prudently incurred costs of studies approved by the PUC and the Division of Public Utilities and Carrier on the decarbonization of natural gas through the AGT Factor. Chairman Gerwatowski moved to suspend the tariff to conduct further examination on the proposal Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- III. **Docket No. 5077 - The Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a National Grid (Company)** – The Company submitted a tariff advice filing to amend National Grid’s electric tariff, R.I.P.U.C. No. 2180 for effect November 21, 2020. National Grid’s proposes additions and revisions to address some of the ongoing challenges related to the interconnection of distributed generation (“DG”) in Rhode Island in accordance with the Distributed Generation Interconnection standards, R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-26.3-4.1. Chairman Gerwatowski moved to suspend the tariff to conduct further examination on the proposal Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- IV. **Docket Nos. 4770 & 4780 - The Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a National Grid (Company)** - National Grid submitted a request for an extension of time to file the Updated Advanced Meter Functionality (AMF) Business Case under Article II.C, Section 16(a) of the Amended Settlement Agreement approved by the PUC. National Grid proposed to amend the filing due date set forth in the Settlement to December 31, 2020. No objection was received to the request. After consideration, Chairman Gerwatowski moved to grant an extension until January 29, 2021. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

- V. **Docket No. 5072 – Janus Solar Fund II, LLC (Company)** – The Company applied for eligibility of the Three M Woonsocket Case #00184666 generation unit, a 0.15 MW AC (0.249 MW DC) solar facility located in Woonsocket, Rhode Island as a New Renewable Energy Resource. After review, Chairman Gerwatowski moved to accept the PUC Consultant’s recommendation to conditionally approve the application. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- VI. **Docket No. 5070 – Faith Realty II, LLC (Company)** – The Company applied for eligibility of the Faith Realty II, LLC generation unit, a 0.207 MW AC solar facility located in Woonsocket, Rhode Island as a New Renewable Energy Resource. After review, Chairman Gerwatowski moved to accept the PUC Consultant’s recommendation to approve the application. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- VII. **Docket No. 5004 – Duke Energy Renewables Commercial, LLC (Company)** – The Company applied for eligibility of the Warwick Walmart generation unit, a 0.360 MW AC solar facility located in Warwick, Rhode Island as a New Renewable Energy Resource. After review, Chairman Gerwatowski moved to accept the PUC Consultant’s recommendation to approve the application. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- VIII. There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Gerwatowski adjourned the Open Meeting at 10:05 A.M. A video of the Open Meeting discussion can be accessed at <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/WqQyXw296dg>